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Mr. Charles R. Flint, a member of the firm of William R. Grace & Co., said: "This report is in the main correct. A syndicate is now being formed to finish the railroad, open and work the mines and otherwise make use of the concession. Henry Meiggs made a contract with the Peruvian Government to build a railroad from Callao, the port of Lima, to the Cerro de Pasco mines. His to the Cerro de Pasco mines. His contract amounted to \$27,000,000. He died when the line had got as far as Chiutcha. The road is cut and mostly graded from there to Aroya, and from Aroya to the mines, about 50 miles, is over a very easy country, a level table land. The heavy work was done by Meigs. Between Callao and Aroya, a distance of a little more than 125 miles. tance of a little more than 125 miles,

Is just what its name implies; a the road ascends to the height of Purely Vegetable Compound, that 15,000 feet above the sea—and it Purely Vegetable Compound, that acts directly upon the liver; curing the many diseases incident to that important organ, and presenting the number of the many diseases incident to that important organ, and presenting the number of the conquest of Peru by Pizarro, the silver mines of the Cerro de Pasco have held a high rank among productive mines, being second only to the mines of Potosi. They were discovered by a native, who, while watching sheep on the hills, was overtaken by night. He plied together a few stones, under the lee of which he built a fire. In the morning he noticed that the heat had split some of the stones of which he had built his shelter, and he was attracted by something shining from what had been the interior of one of the broken stones. He picked the stone up and took it home to show to his friends. The bright surface was found to be silver, and the great wings of Cerro de

bright surface was found to be silver,

and the great mines of Cerro de Pasco were discovered. From 1638 to 1824 the mines of Cerro de Pasco are said to have produced nearly 72,000 tons of silver. A report on the mines says: "All the work seems to have been done either at hap-hazard or according to the caprice of the workmen. The only method pursued consists in cut-ting an inclined gallery alone, or with ramifications also inclined. The descent into the cuts is made by Magnolia Balm The descent into the cuts is made to means of roughly-hewn stairs. The only method consists in following the incline of the ore." There are two classes of workmen, the barreteros or miners, who are paid by the job, and the apiris, who carry out the ore, and are paid by the amount brought out. All the mines in operation are free from water, for the reason that as soon as water is reached the miners stop work. Formerly the richer mines were worked in spite of the water, but to day the workmen confess their inability to work against the water, and leave their work. There are 179 mines in operation to-day, and 694 which have been abandoned. The mines turn out less silver each year, because several are abandoned each year on account of water. From 1786 to 1878 the product of the mines, which varied in number from 700 to a score or two, was never less than 100,000 marks, or \$50,000. The ore is broken at the mouth of each excavation and car-ried by horse to the haciendas, where the metal is extracted. A G. A. STINSON & CO..

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has at hand the raw materials for the smelting process, and large de-posits of coal. The mines show one of the richest deposits of silver known, and if properly and econom-ically worked may yet regain their old reputation.—[New York Sun.

Attractive Force.

The scientific passenger was talking of electricity, magnetism, and all that sort of thing. He talked very wisely and quoted much from the books. His hobby was the attractive power of electricity and its vast possibilities as a mechanical agent. But though he talked much and learnedly, nobody seemed to understand him. The faces about him were blank. One impatient listener sourmed in

One impatient listener squirmed in his seat as if he would like to escape, but finally broke in with:—
"That's enough, professor. Nobody denies the attractive force of electricity."

"You understand me, then—you can follow my arguments?" ex-claimed the professor, delightedly. "No, blast your arguments. Life is too short. But I know all about the attractive force of electricity. I'm a Detroit alderman, and the Electric Light Company has captured every cussed one of us, 'ceptin' my-self, and if they'll raise their present offer two hundred they'll get me."— [Chicago Herald.

In Serious Mood.

It is the man who has a sea of troubles that has a notion of sorrow. - Texas Sittings.

Greatness is not so much what a man is, as what the world thinks he is .- [Merchant Traveler.

It's a mighty bad batch of evil from which some little good cannot be sifted.—[Chicago Ledger. It is strange how quick some peo-

ple extract all the sweetness out of the honeymoon.—[Pretzel's Weekly. It is much better to be an industrious gentleman than it is to have respectable relatives .- [New Orleans Picayune. A respectable man may wear a

threadbare coat, but if he does so he will find very few people who will believe in his respectability.—Boston Courier.

Mosquitoes at the North Pole,

The popular notion that mosquitoes are chiefly resident in tropical and sub-tropical countries is quite a mis-take, the home of their mightiest legions being within and about the Arctic circle. On coasting trips to the North Cape even, vessels are invaded by maddening swarms at every stopping place. It is reported that in Alaska they form clouds so dense that it is impossible for sports-men to aim at objects beyond. Native dogs are sometimes killed by them, and even the great grizzly bear is said to be occasionally blinded by their attacks and finally starved in consequence.-[W. Mathien Wil-

The rich relative always dies a lingering death .- (Boston Post.

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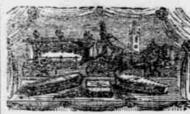
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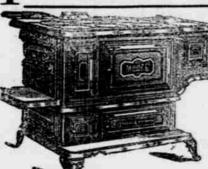
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